

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims, as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A snow shovel comprising:

- a support bar;
- a pair of wheels rotatably attached to each end of the support bar;
- a bracket pivotally connected to the support bar;
- a shovel blade fixedly attached to the bracket for pivoting motion with the bracket relative to the support bar;
- an arcuate slot formed in the support bar;
- a releasable fastener inserted through the arcuate slot and connected with the bracket for locking the position of the shovel blade relative to the support bar; and
- a handle attached to the support bar for pushing the support bar and shovel blade in a forward direction to push snow or other material ahead of the shovel blade.

Claim 2 (currently amended): [[A]] The snow shovel according to claim 1, wherein the releasable fastener comprises a self-tightening fastener connected with the bracket.

Claim 3 (currently amended): [[A]] The snow shovel according to claim 1, wherein the shovel blade is pivotable to form a maximum angle of up to 45° with the support bar.

Claim 4 (currently amended): [[A]] The snow shovel according to claim 1,

wherein the handle and bracket are each detachable from the support bar for storage.

Claim 5 (currently amended):     [[A]] The snow shovel according to claim 1, further comprising motor means for driving the wheels mounted to the support bar.

Claim 6 (currently amended):     [[A]] The snow shovel according to claim 5, wherein the motor means comprises an electric motor, a battery electrically connected to power the electric motor and axles extending from the electric motor carrying the wheels.

Claim 7 (currently amended):     [[A]] The snow shovel according to claim 6, further comprising a switch for activating or deactivating the motor means.

Claim 8 (currently amended):     [[A]] The snow shovel according to claim 1, wherein the handle is one of U-shaped and T-shaped.

Claim 9 (original):   A snow shovel comprising:

- a support bar;
- a bracket pivotally connected to the support bar;
- a shovel blade fixedly attached to the bracket for pivoting motion with the bracket relative to the support bar;
- at least one bracket opening through the bracket;
- at least one corresponding aligned carriage opening through the support bar;
- a fastener inserted through the aligned bracket and carriage openings for

locking the position of the shovel blade at a pre-determined angle relative to the support bar; and

a handle extending upwardly and rearwardly attached to the support bar for directing the support bar and shovel blade.

Claim 10 (currently amended): [[A]] The snow shovel according to claim 9, wherein the at least one bracket opening is an arcuate bracket slot.

Claim 11 (currently amended): [[A]] The snow shovel according to claim 9, wherein the at least one carriage opening is an arcuate slot.

Claim 12 (currently amended): [[A]] The snow shovel according to claim 9, wherein the shovel blade is pivotable to form a maximum angle of up to 45° with the support bar.

Claim 13 (currently amended): [[A]] The snow shovel according to claim 9, wherein the handle and bracket are each detachable from the support bar for storage.

Claim 14 (currently amended): [[A]] The snow shovel according to claim 9, wherein the handle is one of U-shaped and T-shaped.